

Thistle House

Of course you can just relax on the ranch!

During the cooler seasons, a campfire at the firepit can be arranged!

Fishing at the pond is allowed! BlueGill and Catfish are stocked.

Walking around the front section is fun. Ask us for some secret areas to explore!

The following is a list of things to do near the ranch, places to eat, and emergency information.

Casino

[Winstar World Casino](#)

Wineries

[Fitzel Winery](#)

(15 minutes away)

These next three wineries are about 50 minutes away near Muenster and St. Jo. Very nice are to visit with shops and other things to do. Day trip for sure!

[Blue Ostrich](#)

[4R Winery](#)

[Arche](#)

Then, head over to [Ancient Ovens](#) for a very different experience as part of your winery tour. Neapolitan Pizza by Reservation only. Click link and reserve your seats! Usually open on Friday's and Saturday's only. Experience great food in a location out in the middle of nowhere!

1. [Lake Texmoa](#) – Guided Fishing Tours and More!
2. [Lavender Ridge Farms](#) – Lavender Farm
3. [Wild Berry Farm](#) – Pick your own berries! (Seasonal)
4. [Hagerman Wildlife Refuge](#) – Excellent facility with drive through tours.

And much more!

RESTAURANTS

Near Thistle House

Lovejoys On Main Street

138 E. Main St.

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3685

Lunch Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri , Sat 11-2

Store and Soda Fountain Hours:

Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 10-4

Downtown Whitesboro. Visit all the shops and have lunch!

Manuelito's Mexican Restaurant

106 N. Main St.

Collinsville, TX

(903) 820-1376

Mon-Thurs 11-9PM

Fri & Sat 11-9:30PM

Very close by. Hole in the wall Mexican food. Super nice folks!

There is a Dickey's BBQ, Whataburger, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Subway, Taco Casa, Golden Chic, and Asian Gourmet all close by. You can Google Map them easily.

Sherman is about 30 minutes away and has several good places to eat. We recommend Texas Roadhouse, City Limits, Rib Crib and Fulbelli's. There are many other great places in Sherman.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

GAINESVILLE AREA

Only About a 20-minute Drive

Gainesville has many chain restaurants including Chilis, Rib Crib, Applebees, IHOP and many more. Here is map link to the area eateries and listed are a couple of our favorites.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Sarah's On The Square

A Favorite of Ours!

American (Traditional) Food Served in a Historical Building In
Downtown Gainesville

115 W California St

Gainesville, TX

(940) 612-4782

Tues-Thurs 11-3PM - Friday 11-3PM *5PM-9PM(Dinner)- Saturday 11-9PM

Main Street Pub

Bar & Restaurant

216 W Main St

Gainesville, Tx

(940) 668-4040

Mon-Thurs 11-9PM * Friday 11-10PM * Saturday 11-9PM

WANT TO EAT ON LAKE TEXOMA?

THESE RESTAURANTS OFFER A MEAL WITH A VIEW OF THE LAKE

Pelican's Landing

500 Harbour View Rd

Gordonville, TX

(903) 523-4500

Seasonal Hours (Be sure and call for hours)

Tue-Wed 5Pm-9PM * Thursday 4-9PM * Friday 11AM -9PM * Saturday 8Am-9PM

The Island Bar & Grill

120 Texoma Harbor Dr

Pottsboro, TX

(903) 786-7659

Seasonal Hours (Be sure and call for hours)

The Point Restaurant

132 Grandpappy Dr. Denison, TX 75020

903-465-6330

Best Kept Secrets

These are restaurants that might be a little off the beaten path but worth a visit, for sure!

Craft Pies Pizza

About a 25 minute drive...

81750 N State Highway 289

Pottsboro, TX

They don't answer their phone! However, they do take online orders.

Great Pizza and they have gluten free options! King of set up like a Subway Sandwich Shop with Gourmet Pizzas.

Windmill Grill

About a 38 minute drive...and worth it!

Hole in the wall burger joint. Historical building. The owner is a real local yocal!

Live music. CASH ONLY. So GOOD! You can walk around the Saint Jo Square while you are there. Nice Shops! Near the wineries too!

201 E Howell St. Saint Jo, Texas 76265

(940) 580-5797

AREA INTERESTS

We are very fortunate to have our ranch situated within approximately 30 minutes to many unique activities.

Do You Like to Gamble or see Concerts & Entertainers?

We're located approximately 17 miles to [WinStar World Casino](#)
& approximately 46 miles to [Choctaw Casino](#)

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

A refuge for migratory birds and many other wildlife.

Wildlife Center and Drive Through Trails

Refuge Rd.

Sherman, TX

(903) 786-2826

Mon-Fri 7:30AM-4PM * Saturday 9AM-4PM * Sunday 1-5PM

Texas Tulips

U-Pick Tulip Field

10656 FM 2931

Pilot Point, TX

Seasonal check out their website

www.texas-tulips.com

Open 7 Days a Week * 10AM-7PM

Lavender Ridge Farms

A lavender cut flower and herb farm

2391 County Road 178

Gainesville, TX

(940) 665-6938

Fri-Mon 9AM-5PM

MUENSTER

Small Historic German Town

Fischers Meat Market

304 Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-4211

Bring a little cooler...lots of fresh pastries, cheeses, beef jerky, and meats!

Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM * Sunday 9AM-5:30PM

Docs Bar and Grill

Bar, Grill and Pool Hall

113 N. Main St.

Muenster, TX 76252

(940)-759-3627

MONDAY-FRIDAY *10:30am - 12:00am

SATURDAY * 10:30am - 1:00am

SUNDAY * 10:30am - 10:00pm

Fresh Fella's Furnishings

A Fresh Take On Home Décor

Wedding Registry Available & Shipping Available on Some Items

215 N. Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-5925

Tue-Sat 10-5PM

The Bird Nest

Gifts ~ Antiques ~ Garden

223 N. Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-4343

* When Visiting These Shops, Mention You're from Thistle House & that Jen Says Hi!

MUSEUMS

Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum

436 McCullum Ave.

Denison, TX

(903) 786-8741

Tue-Sat 10-4PM

A museum that is a preservation of the history of Perrin Army Air Field and Perrin Air Force Base located in Grayson County Texas. This museum is also an Official World War I Commemoration site.

Free to the public, Donations Accepted

*If you are staying at Thistle House a while, and want a nice day drive, we highly recommend the **Chickasaw Cultural Center**.*

Chickasaw Cultural Center

867 Charles Cooper Memorial Rd

Sulphur, OK 73086

*its 79 mi from our ranch, approximately 1.5 hour drive...worth the drive!

(580) 622-7130

We have taken several family members and friends to see this amazing cultural center, that celebrates the story of the Chickasaw Nation. They have a butterfly garden, living displays of life and culture of the Chickasaw people of old.

There's too much to tell...check out their website

Also, no need to eat before, their café has amazing food!

LOCAL SHOPPING IN OUR TOWN OF WHITESBORO

We have some of the BEST KEPT SECRETS for shopping!
There is something for EVERYONE!

[Lovejoys On Main Street](#)

138 E. Main St.

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3685

Family Owned by the Lovejoy's Hank & Rita, as well as their children and grandchildren, who help run this beautiful restaurant and store.

They made the homemade pralines in your gift bag.

They have clothing, gifts, & a children's section...

You won't leave empty handed.

We often leave with a treat from the soda fountain!

Sunny Paige

117 Center Street

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-5500

* Located directly Across the Street from [Lovejoys](#) on the next block...an old gem of a white house...you won't miss it!

Ask for Cynthia and tell her you're from Thistle House...Either She or one of her amazing sales people will find you the perfect outfit or the perfect gift.

Their personalized service is fabulous!

Candles, Tea Towels, Boutique Style Clothing & Shoes

Mon-Fri 10-5PM

Saturday 10-4PM

Butterfield Stage Stop

123 East Main St

Whitesboro, TX

(903)564-7788

Jack & Sandy Humes have a store full of FABULOUS antiques and gifts.

Jack is a veteran, and he knew the previous owners of our ranch.

Tell them Jen and Glen said Hi from Thistle Hill Ranch!

Tues-Fri 10-5PM

Saturday 10-4PM

Urban Junkie & friends

100 east Main Street

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3835

Antiques ~ Gifts ~ Clothing ~Decor

Stacey & Alan Own the shop and have other booths inside with many different vendors.

This is the shop where I purchased the large horse painting

As seen on my [Instagram feed @thistle.hill.ranch](#)

It's one of the most asked about pieces in our farmhouse. I am never disappointed when I visit this shop... I have a difficult time leaving without something in hand, LOL!

Cook's Main Street Mercantile

142 E. Main

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3075

Antiques ~ Gifts ~ Décor ~ Records

And there's also a Clothing Boutique inside Called

The Leopard Antler Boutique

Our "Nick" the vintage white-tailed deer over the fireplace at Thistle House is from here.

I have found many vintage & antique items from this sweet family. Looking for a

particular item? They'll help you find it!! They have a book that you put the item you're looking for in, and they keep a lookout for it!

Tue-Sat 10-5

This is a family owned business and they also have entertainment on weekends!

Cook's Main Stage

Past and Blast

Antiques and Gun Store. Yep, you read that right!

They have some really nice antiques and a full fledge gun shop all in one. Folks travel from all over to shop here!

140 E. Main St Whitesboro, TX - 903-564-5444

Dennards

Farm ~ Ranch ~Western Lifestyle

541 Hwy 377N

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3386

Dennards quite literally has it ALL!

Clothing ✓

Cowboy Boots form Functional to FANCY! ✓

Furniture ✓

Horse & Cattle Feed ✓

Saddle ✓

Candy ✓

Beef Jerky ✓

Candle ✓

Baby Clothes ✓

Baby Chickens ✓ seasonal!

Dennards is another family owned business that's been around since 1890.

Last year we walked in for dog food and I walked out with 2 bunnies, LOL!

Tell them Jennifer and Glen from Thistle Hill Ranch sent you...they will take care of your EVERY need!

GROCERY STORES

We have [Brookshire Brother's](#) in Whitesboro straight up Hwy 377 for quick convenience.

However, I recommend [Albertson's in Sherman](#), with a better meat and produce selection as well as full deli and bakery.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please call 911 in an Emergency

608 Old Center Church Rd

Whitesboro, TX

*specify we are in the county outside of city limits!

[Grayson County Sheriff](#): (903) 813-4408

[Texoma Medical Center Hospital and ER](#)

(903) 416-4000

5016 US-75

Denison, TX